

DX LISTENING DIGEST 1-057, April 27, 2001
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** ARGENTINA. Dear friends, after some researches here the informations about the station heard recently on 29810 L, it is Radio Planet 104,5 MHz operating from Entre Rios, Argentina. The station belong to the same organisation as Radio ASPEN 102,3 MHz in Buenos Aires (this station has been yet heard relayed on the frequencies of General Pacheco in the past). The station connect with Radio Aspen which relay for some hours Radio Planet so probably it was General Pacheco with relay of Radio Aspen with relay of Radio Planet. Sorry Enzo but it is not the one from C rdoba. Greeting from Dario at present doing a round trip in France, Belgium, Luxembourg. 73's (Dario Monferini, April 25, hard-core-dx via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. The Australian Broadcasting Authority has allocated the first 2 international broadcasting licenses for shortwave broadcasts from Australia issued under the new legislative regime for international broadcasting.

They have been issued to Christian Voice (which will operate from Darwin), and HCJB, which will operate from a purpose-built facility at Kununurra in the Kimberley region of north-western Australia. CV is targeting audiences in SE Asia, China and India with Chinese, English and Hindi programs. HCJB will beam towards South Asia and the South Pacific.

Applicants for international broadcasting licenses commit to abide by International Broadcasting Guidelines issued by the ABA. The licenses have been issued after consultation with the Minister for Foreign Affairs on national interest considerations.

See the ABA announcement and background info at:

http://www.aba.gov.au/about/public_relations/newrel_01/19nr01.htm

(Matt Francis, Canberra, April 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** AUSTRALIA. RADIO AUSTRALIA REGIONAL FREQUENCY GUIDE APRIL 2001**

ASIA

Time (UT)	Freq (kHz)
0000-0130	17755+
0030-0400	17750
0000-0900	15415
0430-0500	17750
0530-0800	17750*
0800-1130	15240
0830-0900	17750
0930-1100	17750*
0900-1400	21820*
0900-1330	11880
1100-1400	9475*
1330-1700	11660*
1400-1800	5995
1530-1900	9475*
1900-2130	9500*
2200-0000	15240
2330-2400	11695, 15415

(* sometimes heard weakly in Europe)

(+ this is a test frequency and may change at short notice)

PACIFIC

PAPUA NEW GUINEA, SOLOMON ISLANDS, MICRONESIA, GUAM and JAPAN

Time (UT)	Freq (kHz)
1700-2100	9815
1800-2000	6080, 7240
2100-2200	7240, 9660
2100-0000	17715
0000-0800	17580
2300-0800	9660
0000-0800	15240
0100-0900	21725
0800-0900	5995, 9710
0800-1100	13605
1100-1400	6020, 5995
1100-1700	11650

VANUATU, NEW CALEDONIA, FIJI, TONGA, SAMOA, NORTH AMERICA

Time (UT)	Freq (kHz)
2000-2200	12080
2100-0000	17715

2100-0100	21740
2100-2200	7240
2200-0200	17795
2300-0900	12080
0200-0700	15515
0700-0900	15240
0800-1200	13605
1100-2130	9580
1100-1200	12080
1200-1700	11650
1400-1800	5995
1700-2200	11880
1800-2000	7240

GRANDSTAND

Radio Australia's weekend sports program, Grandstand, is broadcast on English frequencies at 0210-0700 UT on Saturday and Sunday according to the schedule below:

Target region	Frequency (kHz)
south east Asia	17750
south-west Pacific	12080, 17580
Papua New Guinea & west Pacific, Japan	9660, 17580, 21725

[source: Roger Broadbent, Radio Australia] (via John Figliozi, Volunteer Publicist, Radio Australia, April 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRIA. A browse of broadcasters' webpages turned up a weekly set of upcoming highlights from Radio Austria International. Here's what's on for the next four days, copied from their website, <http://roi.orf.at>

I have not heard of these being disseminated via any sort of mailing list, but I will suggest it to them (Richard Cuff, Allentown, PA, USA, swprograms via DXLD)

Friday, 27 April 2001

Vienna's mayor, Michael Hupl presented his new government on Friday, one month after the Social Democrats won an absolute majority in city council elections. We have a report.

This week the Vienna Court of Appeal ruled that political scientist Professor Anton Pelinka did NOT libel Carinthian Governor J^rg Haider. Pelinka, speaking on Italian television, had said the former Freedom Party leader had trivialized Nazi rule. The decision overturned a ruling by an Innsbruck court last year which convicted

Pelinka on the same charges. We speak to Mr. Pelinka.

In our weekly business report we hear, among other things, about the good news for Austrian railways and Vienna International Airport. And there's more.

Saturday, 28 April 2001 [identical as for Friday; by mistake? -gh]

Sunday, 29 April 2001 "Weekend"

Is Christianity dying out in Europe and if so, is it worth saving? For most of European history, the Church - educator and lawmaker - has been synonymous with power and authority. Today, most of its powers are gone... and most of the faithful too... If church attendance is anything to go by, the vast majority of the inhabitants of what was Christendom are Christians no longer. We'll be hearing from Rome about the desperate search for new priests and from the former East Germany about the continuation of secular rituals created under Communism.

Should the Churches - the Catholic Church in particular - bring their views on personal morality more firmly in line with prevailing Western values... or would that undermine their appeal as a still point in a turning world? And what - if anything - do Europeans really stand to lose if Christianity disappears from this continent? Join John Laurensen, and guests for Weekend on Radio Austria International.

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Join us for these and other news and background stories in Report from Austria either live or via Audio on Demand.
(via Richard Cuff, swprograms April 26 via DXLD)

** BAHAMAS. For you people in the Florida area (and anywhere else when Es is in) try this web site for Splash FM 89.9 in Spanish Wells, Bahamas. <http://www.splashfmradio.com> It is a 1 kW station. Tower is 125 feet high, using several 5-element Yagi antennas. There is an interesting article in the current Radio World (not online) (John Ebeling, MN, April 25, WTFDA via DXLD) Which island?? (gh)

** BANGLADESH. High Frequency Broadcasting Schedule A01
Bangladesh Betar External Service effective from 25/03/01 to 28/10/01

UT Service Programme kHz Zone Azimuth
1200-1300 G.O.S. (English) 7185 9550 S&SE Asia 60 125
1315-1345 Nepalese 7185 9550 Nepal 320
1400-1430 Urdu 7185 9550 Pakistan 290
1515-1545 Hindi 7185 9550 India 305
1600-1630 Arabic 7185 9550 Middle East 290 275

1630-1730 Bengali 7185 9550 Middle East 290 275
1745-1815 V. of Islam (English) 7185 9550 15520 Europe 320
1815-1900 G.O.S. (English) 7185 9550 15520 Europe 320
1915-2000 Bengali 7185 9550 15520 Europe 320

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(Rifat J. Eusufzai, DX Forum, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. Subject: Worth to check 6215 for Brazil in a future!
According to what I was fortunate to hear over 6105 R.
FiladÉlfia on Apr 23 at 2150, a new religious station would be
appearing on 6215 soon. The preacher said, in PP, that their current
program or ministry over R. FiladÉlfia, will be up to the end of the
month, I assume April, and thus leaving the station "por motivos de
forÁa maior" (i.e. due to reasons of major force [or means greater
power at the new station? -gh]). He mentioned a MW stn, 1610-R.
Maranatha, which will be resuming with a new antenna, mentioned again
6215 and an FM channel. Later in the program he sent a salute to a
"pastor" living in Argentina and at FM GÍnesis in S,,o (sic., the SP
should be Santo TomÉ). Unfortunately, I couldn't stay to get the name
of the program (Horacio Nigro, Uruguay, Apr 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BURMA [non]. Hi Glenn. My church is supporting some Burmese
refugees who have a very limited command of English. Although they
are not homesick in the sense that they want to return to Myanmar
(due to the persecution they suffered at the hands of the Myanmar
government), I think they are homesick in the sense that they would
like to hear someone speak their language. I've been trying to
receive some of the Burmese broadcasts from the FEBC in the
Philippines so I could tape them and pass them on to this family,
but I can't seem to get them. Do you think any of your listeners /
readers who have better gear than I do (or who are better positioned
than I am) would be interested in sharing any recordings of the
broadcasts with this family? If so, I could provide a mailing
address where they could send tapes. I'll understand if you don't
feel like this would be an appropriate use of your show and/or your
website. Let me know. Thanks (Eric Larson, ela119@nwu.edu April 24,
DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hearing FEBC Burmese in Chicago well enough for non-DXers to enjoy
(or at all) is certainly a challenge. If they just want to hear

Burmese, should go for R. Free Asia, VOA, Democratic Voice of Burma, etc. Or find same online (gh)

** CANADA. Re: DXLD 1-056: As it was reported in RCI Russian Service's Klub DX, the workers at the printing shop staged some kind of strike. I don't know if this can be classified as a "legal" problem but strikes seem to be more popular in Canada than in the States (Sergei Sosedkin, IL, April 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 15035 (presumed mixing product). RCI, April 26 0118: I first noticed this last week. The fundamentals are 15170 and 15305, both of which were very strong. There are 135 kc between these 2 freqs, and 135 kc and 270 kc between the mixing product and fundamentals. Fair reception (David Hodgson, TN, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHILE. Assunto: Musica em 48 MHz. Caro Gil, nao e misterio nao; o que voce esta escutando sao musicas transmitidas do Chile para sistemas usados em empresas de onibus coletivos e outros servicos. Nao apenas o Chile como em outros paises existe este tipo de sistema. Voce esta adentrando na banda de 6 metros considerada por muitos a banda magica, pois voce escuta determinadas regioes alguns minutos e depois desaparecem, fique em radioescuta em 47.300 Mhz la voce escuta a policia do Chile, quando abre a propagacao parece que eles estao na esquina se comunicando (em FM), de um pulinho no meu site: <http://www.paulao.eng.br> entre em radioamadorismo e depois em 6 metros, no titulo SINAIAS DE REFERENCIA ABAIXO DE 50 MHz. Existem algumas frequencias e estou garimpando outras para depois disponibilizar. Abraco (Paulo Leonardo, PY2ES, Rio Claro - S.P., April 26, radioescutas via DXLD)

Sorry, I'm not putting the accents and punxuation back in where they belong in this one; note, however, that this justifies my use of ``availablize``, against which no one has complained (gh, DXLD)

** CHINA. I received the China R. Int. sked valid from March 26, 2001 today in the postal mail. Need it? Let me know, I'll type and email it. (-- Kraig Krist)

OK, but just English; I'll bet it is out of date/incomplete (gh)

Glenn, I didn't know about the 1300-1400 UT broadcast on WUST 1120 kHz, a local Washington DC station. See <http://www.wust1120.com>

Broadcast Times and Frequencies for English Language Service
(Beginning March 26, 2001).

North America (East Coast)
2300-2400 5990*

0100-0200 9570*
0300-0400 9690
0400-0500 9730
1300-1400 9570*
1300-1400 1120 AM relayed by WUST or New World Radio

North America (West Coast)
0300-0400 9690
0400-0500 9560, 9730
1300-1500 7405, 13650

Europe
2000-2100 11790, 15110
2100-2200 11790, 15110
2200-2300 7170
2300-2330 558AM (London)

Southeast Asia
1200-1300 1341, 9730, 11980
1300-1400 1341, 11980, 15180

South Asia
1200-1300 1188*
1400-1500 7180, 9700*, 11675*, 15110
1500-1600 7160, 9785

The South Pacific
0900-1000 11730, 15210
1000-1100 11730, 15210
1200-1300 9760, 11760, 15415
1300-1400 11760, 11900

East and South Africa
1400-1600 13685, 15125
1600-1700 9565, 9870
1700-1800 9570, 9670*, 9695*, 11920, 15265
2000-2100 11735, 13640
2100-2130 11735, 13640

West and North Africa
1600-1700 7190, 13650
1700-1800 9670*, 9695
1900-2000 9440, 9585*, 11750
2000-2100 9440

* Test frequencies

English Service Programming (Beijing Time)

Monday - Friday News Segment (30 min) News & Reports
Monday - Friday Feature Segment (25 min) Monday: People in the Know;
Tuesday: Sports World; Wednesday: China Horizons; Thursday: Voices
from Other Lands; Friday: Life in China.
Saturday: News Segment; News & Biz China (30 min). Feature Segment
Listeners' Garden (25 min).
Sunday: News Segment; News & Reports on Developing Countries (20
min). Feature Segment In the Spotlight (35 min).

English Service. The English Service is a key branch of China Radio
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are available if reception reports proved to be correct. Thank you
for listening! (CRI via Kraig Krist, KG4LAC, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CROATIA [non]. Germany, 9925, Voice of Croatia / Croatian Radio,
0058-0207+ in Croatian, plus some news in English and then Spanish.
Now a question - Which address in "Passport" do I use for sending a
reception report: Radio Croatia (Radio Hrvatska) or do I use
Croatian Radio (Hrvatska Radio-Televizija)? Neither directory
listing uses "Voice of Croatia Radio" which was the ID used during
the broadcast (Lee Silvi, Mentor OH, April 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Oops! In DXLD 1-056 I had mentioned the times for listening to EG
from Croatia incorrectly -- I was listening at 2304 on 9925 and the
repeats are at 0104, 0304, 0504 and 0704, to different targets...
sorry (Joe Hanlon in Philadelphia, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. 19480.12 (2 x 9740), R Cairo, April 26 0053, 2nd
harmonic. Spanish language program. Speech by man and woman
announcers, and also outtakes of mid-eastern mx. ID @ 0100 in SS.
Fundamental was quite strong with raspy audio, the harmonic rather
weak. I was able to hear station ID on both the fundamental and
harmonic (David Hodgson, TN, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA Schedule of Voice of the Revolution of Tigray sent by
director of VORT: Mon-Fri 0400-0500, 0930-1030, 1500-1900. Sat &
Sun 0400-0900, 1100-1630. Freqs: 5500 and 7515, power 10 kW (Rudolf
Krumm, Germany, A-DX Apr 20 via BC-DX via DXLD)

** GABON. 19160 H (2 x 9580), Africa No.1, 2225 April 24, Second harmonic of 31 meter transmission, audible here with about 75% strength of fundamental (S6). FF language program. Station ID @ 2249. Fair/good signal (David Hodgson, TN, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GEORGIA. Radio Khara: Main Studio: Tbilisi. Category: Domestic. Radio Khara ("We" in Abkhazian) was first heard in early 1999. It is reportedly sponsored by the Georgian-Abkhazian Relations Institute in Tbilisi with programming aimed at Georgian-Abkhaz reconciliation. Alternative frequency 4540 kHz. Broadcasts are subject to Summer/Winter time changes. Address : Radio Khara, 52 Rustaveli Avenue, Tbilisi, Georgia. Tel : +95 32 987923. Schedule on 4875: 1600-1635 Mon & Thu in ABKHAZ; 0400-0435 Tue & Fri in ABKHAZ (Repeat of previous day's broadcast)(© BBC Monitoring as of April 4, issued April 25, condensed for DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. Telstar 6: According to a note sent to CBS-TV affiliates, "Loral Skynet reports Telstar 6 is fully operational." Some feeds were shifted to other satellites during a sesquiday outage of this satellite. There has been no explanation of the cause of the failure (Mike Cooper, GA, April 23, DXLD)

** IRAQ [non]. SAUDI ARABIA v11710.32/.33 *1500-v0300*, IDing as Rep of Iraq Radio, V of People of Iraq. All items in Arab. Is that really official Baghdad? As far as I remember there were/are 'tricky' clandestines using/-ed 'naturally sounded' Baghdad IDs. REGULAR last week. Except yesterday (did not note it at s-on, but active in couple of hours later). (Vlad Titarev, Ukraine, Apr 24)

CIA operation from ARS soil? Heard at least in past decade on their \\ v9563 and v9568/9. Since autumn 9569 replaced by v11710 ? ed.

Yes, 11710 is the clandestine stn from ARS and should be \\ 9563. The stn used to operate on 9568 too, but this freq has not been heard for some time now, and is probably off air (Noel R. Green, UK, Apr 24)

Yes, 11710 is the same station, it can also be heard on MW 1053 kHz. I wonder where this MW tx is located? They have a website at <http://www.inc.org.uk> (Mauno Ritola, Finland, Apr 24) (all: BC-DX via DXLD)

{ARS = Arabie Saoudite. Why are we using French abbreviations in English and German?? -gh}

** ITALY. Still no change in RAI evening English SW broadcast to North America. English gets its usual 20-minute slot between 0050 and 0110 UT (heard hear quite clearly on 11800 tonight). However, only

10 minutes of the broadcast is in English, of which a couple of minutes are used for frequency announcements, an intro, a break in the middle to remind us that we're tuned into RAI "over the shortwave links" before the rest of the news. Exactly 10 minutes after the newscast starts, we're at the outro sounder and into the fill music. Still, with its news about an armed robbery in a neighborhood south of Rome, RAI retains more local flavor and subtle charm than most of the big-name SW broadcasters (Mike Cooper, GA, April 24, DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS ANTILLES. 15815, R Nederland April 25 2322, Weak spur from their 15315 TX. ID in SS @ 2330. Signal strength ranged from inaudible to fair (David Hodgson, TN, DX LISTENING DIGEST) mix 15565

** NETHERLANDS ANTILLES. On the subject of DRM - I heard Radio Netherlands on air this morning (April 26th) on 15245 at 0655 tune in past 0700 and in \\ to 5955 9895 & 11935 in Dutch. It was co-channel Pyongyang, but theirs is much less strong than it was earlier in the year at this time.

The reason I knew it was RN and in Dutch was because the broadcast was using AM. According to their schedule it is Bonaire 50 kW 0630-0755 Mon-Fri from April 2nd and shown as DRM. I didn't listen until the end of transmission (I had an appointment to attend to) so it could have turned into digital later. R. Australia is using 15240 and was unaffected by the AM signal. Let us see what effect the digital one has (Noel Green, UK, April 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN. Source: Radio Pakistan News and Current Affairs Channel

Main Studio: Islamabad. Category: Domestic. Radio Pakistan's special News and Current Affairs channel was inaugurated on 18 April 2001.

As well as broadcasting on its own frequencies, programmes are also being relayed by the following: Lahore Channel 2, Hyderabad Channel 2, Quetta Channel 2, PBC Faisalabad, PBC Dera Ismail Khan, PBC Turbat, PBC Zhob, PBC Loralai, PBC Khuzdar, PBC Bahawalpur, PBC-HPC Landhi and on shortwave PBC-HPC Rawat. Address : Broadcasting House, Constitution Avenue, Islamabad, Pakistan.
Tel : +92 51 921 0689. Fax : +92 51 920 1861

1225-1800 Daily URDU 1.152 7.265 7.365 MHz

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** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. Received QSL from R. Madang, Papua New Guinea, 864 kHz, self prepared cards for MW reception 13 Nov 2001 1145 to 1200 (sign off) and for parallel 3260 kHz on shortwave, as well as

full detail letter on station letterhead. Received for followup letter, tapes of both 864 and 3260 (in parallel this evening although not always) plus \$1 US. Heard at DXpedition in Nov, 2000 at Graylands, Washington, at the cusp of a solar polar absorption event (blanked out all the Japanese that were regulars. Polar absorption event also brought all three Solomon Islands MW, and 2 Vanuatu MW stations up to S9+ levels, as well as nuking most of the Papua New Guinea and Indonesian shortwave frequencies). In about 3 months time. Thanks to Patrick Martin (Oregon) for encouragement to keep trying for this distant TP MW station (Don Nelson, Oregon, April 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES. The Far East Broadcasting Company (FEBC) recently completed the \$3.5 million antenna upgrade phase of its SAVE (Southeast Asian Voice of Evangelism) project at the transmitter site in Bocaue. The new antennas first broadcast radio programs on February 12, 2001 and the results have been very successful according to Bob Bartz, systems engineer for FEBC International. The four high-gain antennas are adjustable, allowing the signal to be steered toward targeted areas, which quadruples the strength of the broadcasts. When more and more listeners particularly from Vietnam, Laos and China complained about the difficulty in hearing FEBC programs, it became apparent that the World War II transmitters and curtain antenna system in Manila would not adequately operate much longer and that the 40-year-old site needed a complete overhaul. As a result, from 1990 onwards plans were implemented to begin building an antenna site on fishing ponds near Manila. The antenna upgrade phase was one of five in the SAVE project. Next, 100-kW transmitters will be replace current 30-kW units. They are expected to be fully operational by the end of 2002, providing listeners with a more consistent, stronger signal. FEBC-International stations broadcast 560 hours of Christian radio programming daily in 153 languages. Current listener response averages 84,000 letters, calls and faxes per month (FEBC press release 24 April 2001, abridged by Dr. Hansjörg Biener, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PORTUGAL. The DRM signal from Sines on 15440, using 30 degrees azimuth straight into Central Europe, was booming in until sign off at about 1254. I noted no spread-over beyond the 10 kHz signal spectrum; the buzz disappeared when tuning up/down at about 15447/15433 with the narrow filter, and a rather weak Arabic-language station (should be Tunis) on 15450 was indeed not affected by the noticeably stronger DRM signal on 15440. So DRM and AM can well co-exist, as long as the DRM outlets are strictly kept 10 kHz away from AM transmissions (Kai Ludwig, Germany, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ROMANIA. Around 1240 I noted Galbeni with the extended own

Romanian-language programming of RRI (which replaced the former Romania Actualitat'si shortwave transmissions) on 17790 and 17850, the latter one likely operated by an ancient 120 kW transmitter, 17790 by a 250 kW rig instead. Both outlets suffered from very poor feed circuit audio, chopped by a not properly adjusted gate and containing lots of crackle. Regards, (Kai Ludwig, Germany, April 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ROMANIA. As regards Romania - they were using 15180 at 0600-0657 in English (which is correct, according to the Observer schedule) but not heard the last couple of days (at least). They had a wander down to v15163 last week, but I don't know where this service is now on 19m. Romanian is supposed to be on 15390 & 17790 until 1456 \\ 15105 & 17850. But I found their Chinese service only on 17790 co-ch a loud Ankara in Arabic. 15390 went off as per sched, but 17850 & 15105 remained on (awful quality on 17 and low audio on 15). They were joined at 1500 by 15270 - audio from this is appalling, and the effects audible on each sideband. Their French, meanwhile, is giving good audio at 1500+ on 15250 15380 & 17815 - 17735 is co-ch Tunis (\\ 15450 11730 & 11655), but sounds good too (Noel Green, UK, April 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. 9.890 MHz (St. Petersburg?) Transmissions to Europe in English 1700-2100 seem to have disappeared over the past two or three days, despite much improved conditions. Can anybody verify and/or have any ideas what is happening? More Power Problems?, or just a temporary breakdown? (Ken Fletcher, Kings Mount, PRENTON, England, 25th April 2001, 1825 UT, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AMERICA. Dear Friend's: After a long time of silence, for several reason's, Radio Blandengue, will be back to his pirate activities. The day's May 5 and 6 we are on the air with the following tentative schedule:

In the frequency variable between 14565 to 14568 Khz LSB until our new cristal is ok, the future frequency of Radio Blandengue will be 14570 Khz LSB

Saturday May 5, 2001 2100 ñ 2300 UTC

Sunday May 6, 2001 0000 ñ 0200 UTC, 0800 ñ 1000 UTC

A lot of correspondence still pending, in the next's week all correct reception report's it be will answer. Thanks for your patient. Your comments are welcome, 73 and FFFR !!!!! (Raul Gonzalez, April 26, [all sic], DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWEDEN. Letter of Radio La Voz del Pueblo, Sweden to Joachim Thiel, Germany, Apr 19:

Dear Mr Thiel may God bless you. Your letter via email has been of great encouragement to us in the right time, even though we didn't send you any proof of your reception back to you in dew time, for which we extend our true apologies, but at the present is out of our possibilities to answer all the letters and emails we've received.

The person from the print has openly failed us in the printing of our very own QSL cards but be confident and patient because you are going to be THE FIRST PERSON TO RECEIVE our QSL card. Me personally is gonna make sure of it. We thank you for your reception and interest you showed towards our broadcasts which very much likely are going to continue on from May the 14th at 0700-0730 Mon-Fri. Truly yours in Jesus name (Alfonso Ambrossi, Sweden, [all sic] pastor; a_ambrossi@hotmail.com Apr 19) Freq? UT- Time? (BC-DX via DXLD)

** TANNU TUVA. RUSSIA. Tyvinskoye Radio (this is a correct name) continues to be audible on 6100 kHz. On 14 April received it weakly at 0720, but after one hour the signal became considerably better. Bernd Trutenau, from Lithuania, says that, according to FSTR license list, its address must be as follows: ul. Gornaya 31, 667003, Kyzyl, Tyva, Russia (Vladimir Kovalenko, Tomsk, Russia, Signal April 26 via DXLD)

** U S A. Submarines on the air: The Submarine Veterans Amateur Radio Association will sponsor its fifth annual Submarine Memorial Radio Reactivation Day in honor of the 101st anniversary of the US Navy Submarine Service. More than 50 subs were on the air around the world for last year's event. Submarines on the Air is always the last full weekend in April. This year, it will run from April 28 at 0600 UTC until April 29 at 2359 UTC. Among subs which will be "radio-active" are the Cobia in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, with the ManCoRad Radio Club, Fred Neuenfeldt, W6BSF, operating, the German U-505 at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, and the WA3KEY/2 operation from the conning tower of the nuclear guided missile submarine USS Growler (SSG-577) in New York's Hudson River. Suggested operating frequencies: AM/SSB, 3.943, 7.243, 14.243, 21.313, and 28.343 MHz; CW up 43 kHz from the lower band edge. For a Submarine Veterans Amateur Radio Association certificate, send copies of at least four QSLs from participating subs to Jim Flanders, W000G, 1539 California Trail, Plano, TX 75023-4300; e-mail jaf@sprintmail.com. Visit Jim Flanders' Tubes Forward Web site <http://w0oog.50megs.com/> (ARRL April 25 via John Norfolk, OKCOK, DXLD)

** U S A. 15809.1 (spur) KTBN (presumed) April 26 0040 Weak spur from 15590. Evangelical program in EE (David Hodgson, TN, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. Hi Glenn, This may be old news but I heard AFN on 4993 usb on 24 April at 0339 with Air Force Radio News. Good signal - probably Europe-based. I like AFN but am not so keen to see it in this part of the band where lurk interesting stations in Peru, Surinam, etc. Incidentally, who clears it to broadcast here or on the spate of out of band freqs they have recently populated?
Regards (Graham Bell, Otford, Kent, UK, April 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST) #####